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SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

Los Angeles County has the highest concentration of seniors in California. The Community and Senior Services Department's (CSS) current nutrition program is designed to provide one meal per day for seniors 60 and older in Los Angeles County. There are currently two nutrition programs. Congregate and Home Delivered meals combined provide about 2.1 million meals per year. The County provides about 1.3 million congregate meals are served annually at roughly 110 sites throughout the County. The County provides about 800,000 home delivered meals through 130 routes throughout the County. These programs are funded entirely by the State and Federal governments.

According to a survey conducted in April 2007, the County has approximately 600 seniors on waiting lists for meals. While federal and state funding for the meal programs have basically remained the same for several years, meal costs have

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significantly increased due to significant increases in the costs for gasoline, food, and labor. Nevertheless, the rise in the aging population without additional funding means the waiting list for meals will grow even larger.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back in 60 days on:

1. Developing a plan to address the senior meal program on a countywide basis;
and
2. Working with federal and state advocates to provide cost of doing business adjustments that will eliminate the waiting lists.

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